

## District Matter

### RUTHERFORD

The Sun  
A special term of Rutherfordton Superior court ordered by Governor W. W. Kitchen began here Monday morning with Judge G. S. Ferguson, presiding and Solicitor A. Hall Johnston, of Marion, prosecuting. The special term became cutting. The fact that there necessary owing to the fact that there was a large number of criminal cases on the docket for trial and could not be disposed of during the regular terms.

Today marked the opening of Forest City's splendid new hostelry, the Hotel Mabree, which has been under way for about six years. At an elaborate dinner traveling men from all over the State were congratulating themselves and the town on the much-needed better accommodation of the transient public.

The Western Star Lodge, No. 91 and the Eastern Star Lodge No. 76 of the Masonic order gave a banquet at the Southern Hotel last Thursday night to which the members of the fraternity and their wives and friends and others attended. Delightful music was furnished by the local string band and a most enjoyable occasion is reported by the large number in attendance.

On December 20th, Mr. T. P. Edwards, a good farmer and citizen of Gilkey, killed a hog that netted \$35. This seems to be the record, so far as we have learned, in this county this year.

(Forest City Herald)

During the month of December there was over \$1,600 sent off for whiskey from this place. There was something like \$1500 sent off through post office money orders, \$73.50 through express orders and with the amount sent through personal checks will make \$1600.00 if not more. This shows the amount of money that is sent from here for the infernal booze.

### MCDOWELL

(From Marion Progress)  
T. W. Snipes, father of T. E. Snipes, of this place, died Sunday, December 22, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. N. J. Gibson, in Bridgewater after an illness of 10 days duration. He was 84 years of age, well-known and highly respected. He served creditably in the war between the states. Surviving him are four children; the two above mentioned and Mrs. M. J. Bradley, of Eberman, and W. J. Snipes, of Nebo. The funeral services were conducted Monday by Rev. M. L. Kaylor and interment was made in Nebo cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tipton, missionaries to Wuchow, China of the Southern Baptist church, sailed from Hong Kong, on the S. S. China, Dec. 10th, and will reach San Francisco January 5th, arriving at Bryson City, N. C., about Jan. 15th. The corps of workers in this field has been greatly thinned by death, of late, and it is hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Tipton may regain their health after a year's rest.

Miss Martha Justice spent New Year's day at the home of her father, Judge Justice, at Rutherfordton.

### HAYWOOD

(Waynesville Enterprise.)  
At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen last week Mr. Clyde H. Ray was elected Mayor of Waynesville, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. James R. Boyd, whose resignation was accepted to render legal his occupancy of the Chairmanship, Board of County Commissioners, to which he was recently elected.

From a protracted illness brought on by injuries received in a railroad accident about one year ago, Mr. Lawrence Fain Morris died at his home in this city on Christmas day. The deceased was the son of Mr. N. B. Morris, a well known citizen of Waynesville. Mr. Morris was about 29 years of age. For some years he has been in the railway mail service, in which work he was employed when he sustained the injuries finally resulting in his death. Hon. Felix E. Alley, who has formed a law partnership with Mr. Branner Gilmer and will locate in Waynesville, is a valuable addition to the town and county. Mr. Alley is a bright lawyer and a good citizen. He is now serving his eighth year term as solicitor for this judicial district to which he was elected two years ago. Mr. Alley comes from Jackson County where he was born, reared, and honored by his fellow citizens.

### POLK

(Tryon Bee.)  
Tryon Council No. 143 Jr. O. U. A. M. had a very enthusiastic and splendidly attended meeting on the last day of the year. Besides initiating a number of new members, they had the regular election of officers and the following Bros. were elected to their respective stations: C. F. E. Levaun, V. C. K.; C. Rhodes, R. S. I.; W. B. Kruse, A. S. R.; H. L. Sarua, P. S.; J. R. Moore, Treas.; R. J. Jackson, Chap.; R. L. Wilson, Con.; A. W. Ballard, W. L. F.

### Fletcher Notes.

Dr. C. A. Wood, of Asheville, delivered a very instructive sermon at Patty's chapel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. J. Baldwin, spent the day in Hendersonville Saturday.

Mr. T. S. Bagwell, who has been visiting relatives at Bltmore has returned.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wilkie, Dec. 16, a daughter.

Mrs. D. W. Hutchison, and daughter who have been residing in Asheville for some time have moved back to their farm.

Rev. P. R. Young, of Hendersonville, was the guest of friends in this section last week.

Miss Lenora Lanning, who has been teaching at Rugby has returned home.

Mr. G. W. Suttles, visited relatives in Asheville recently.

Miss Anna Shook of Arden is the guest of her Aunt, Mrs. J. J. Baldwin.

Squire J. P. Wilkie who has been

erecting a large barn has it near completion.

### Horse Shoe.

Rev. T. A. Groce and family left last week for Fairview circuit, where he became the pastor of Fairview circuit.

The Mills River circuit citizens and the people of all denomination deeply regret for Mr. Groce and his family to leave. There was a promising year before him. He did not only visit the Methodist people in sickness but visited all denominations, and we citizens of the Mills River circuit hope to have him return in the near future.

Rev. Tom Jimison is holding a revival at the Baptist church at Horse Shoe.

### SENATOR OVERMAN'S ILLNESS

Junior Senator Suddenly Stricken by Appendicitis; Was Operated on and is Steadily Recovering.

Washington, (Special)—Charles H. Martin, Senator Overman's private secretary, tonight issued the following statement:

"Herself too overcome with grief and apprehension over the condition of her this time the receipt of the numerous husband to personally acknowledge at telegrams and other expressions of sympathy she has received from friends of Senator Overman, who was stricken down a few days ago almost without warning and operated on for acute appendicitis last Saturday. Mrs. Overman has requested me to express through the papers her sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the deep interest manifested in her sick husband and for the kind and comforting words offered to the members of the family. She has asked me to say that in this dark hour she, the members of her family have found much comfort and consolation in the kind words of sympathy which she has received from Senator Overman's friends, all of which she hopes to personally acknowledge at a more appropriate time."

### TO HANDLE THE INAUGURATION

Only Experienced Men Will Be Allowed to Participate in Ceremonies on March Fourth.

Washington, (Special)—Politics will have small place in the personnel in the committee which have charge of the arrangements attending the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President.

This has been settled and the wisdom and experience of men who have handled inaugurations in the past will be called upon irrespective of politics. The names of those who will be expected to take care of the multiplicity of details will be named today and the chairman of the 26 committees, which will shoulder the burdens will be selected by the Chairman William C. Eustis.

At a meeting of the committee yesterday it was decided to ask Congress again to grant permission for the use of the pension building. It also was decided to ask Congress for permission to quarter visiting troops in the halls of public buildings. The permission was refused four years ago.

The finance committee reports that there will be plenty of money forthcoming with which to meet the expenses, and a larger crowd than ever has attended an inauguration is expected.

### To Bar Negro As Soldier.

Washington, (Special)—The proposal to eliminate the negro as an American soldier is a topic slated for consideration when the conference of the ranking officers of the United States army take place here January 8. Some officers favoring the plan are prepared to urge it on the ground that in the Philippines the natives are said to resent the appearance among them of the black troopers and that there are signs of dissatisfaction in Hawaii, owing to the fact that the 25th infantry, a negro organization, has been ordered to the islands to form a permanent garrison.

Friends of the negro soldiers are preparing to make a strenuous fight in their behalf, pointing to their record in time of war in Cuba and in the Philippines.

Washington, (Special)—Two North Carolinians will take important part in the arrangements for the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson. They are Walker Vick, secretary of the inaugural committee, and George P. James, who was today appointed chairman of the committee on transportation. Both are from Wilmington, James is district passenger agent here for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, and Vick one of the young men who helped to nominate and elect Woodrow Wilson President. Mr. Vick spent today in Washington and left tonight for his New Jersey home to be with his family for the holidays. He will return Thursday and take command of the arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect Wilson.

### J. H. Currie Dead.

Mr. J. H. Currie died at the home of his son, Mr. S. S. Currie, Hamlet, N. C., Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Currie had a stroke of paralysis while on his way down town two weeks ago from which he never recovered. He was 68 years old, a wife, four sons and five daughters to mourn his loss.

He was a member of the Methodist church for a number of years. The funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Dailley at ten o'clock Thursday morning and his body laid to rest in the cemetery here. He was once a resident of Hendersonville, N. C.

## MR. N. BUCKNER'S ADDRESS BEFORE CLUB BANQUET

The growth of a community depends altogether on the people who live in that community. The individual alone cannot build a town or city, but the individual can hatch an idea, get the attention of other individuals and start a movement that will bring about a great change in conditions in a community. In this way the interest of every member of a community is aroused, and the basis for an organized get-together club is formed. A spirit of enthusiasm is created, and enthusiasm, says Elbert Hubbard, is the greatest asset in the world; while Emerson, the disciple or optimism, says that every great accomplishment in the history of the world has been on a great wave of enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm tramples over prejudices and opposition, spurs inaction, storms the citadel of its object, and like a mighty avalanche overwhelms and engulfs all obstacles. Enthusiasm is nothing more nor less than faith in action. Faith with initiative rightly combined and applied has, right here in the Land of the Sky, leveled mountains, filled up valleys, created great lakes where before forests grew; changed streaks of red and black mud into beautiful hard surfaced roads throughout these magnificent mountains for the pleasure and profit of our visitors and ourselves. Set the germ of enthusiasm afloat in your community,—in the office, in the store, on the farms, in the homes; carry it in your attitude and manner, and you'll find it spreads like contagion and influences every fibre of industry before you realize it; it means increased joy and satisfaction and pleasure, together with spontaneous results,—the vital things that pay dividends. There is evidence everywhere that the germ of enthusiasm has multiplied into great armies in Hendersonville and the Land of the Sky, for not before in the history of this matchless section has there been such a spirit of optimistic and constructive cooperation enthusiasm as now permeates every one of our citizens.

And we have something to be enthusiastic over. The fact that we are living should make us feel thankful; and that we are living at this special period of time should make us even more thankful; and that we are living in the Land of the Sky should make us enthusiastically thankful till it literally bubbles over and attracts attention of others, which seems to be just what has happened. This is a rare and a sweet old world, but more especially this particular section; it sparkles and glows and literally reeks with incense that give glory and beauty and enchantment to this beautiful region. These mountains are proof of the world's old age, and, but for them, like as not, we should have all been fishes. They are loving and fond, strong company, especially in autumn, for then it is that the annual miracle takes place, when the wooded slopes of mountains and valleys turn to tapestries of the most gorgeous hue, and the air "shot thru with sunshine," and clouds which makes possible only in these grand mountains of Western North Carolina those superb purples and blues of the distance. Autumn here lingers lovingly and long in the lap of winter till that hoary old rascal loses for us the shivering fear that chases the spine of the dwellers in the North where the Great Architect of the Universe has been less lavish with the products that make for immaculate and chaste pleasure and comfort of the human family. Then it is when Majesty sets enthroned on the hills and mountains, garbed in gold and blue and crimson, exacting no homage. Only human sovereigns exact homage. Autumn, when the tonic in the air puts ginger in the joints, spring and elasticity in the step, linings new in the lungs, vim, vigor and vitality in the veins. And not a whit behind are Spring and Summer, when these grand old mountains put on their new dress in a thousand shades of green beautifully blended, when the arbutus and the violets, the rhododendrons and the roses and the myriad of other beautiful flowers shed their fragrant sweetness in the air. Is it any wonder that we should all be filled with enthusiasm at the realization of our wonderful priceless possessions? Time was when these mountains, great silently eloquent old monarchs of the universe, were considered of no value, except, perchance, as a sort of framework to hold the world together; while now, they have become priceless mountains of gold, real yellow, glittering gold,—Henderson County gold.

And we are not selfish with our possession. We are willing that others shall share with us our priceless treasures. Already we are realizing that our spirit of generosity comes back in much profit to us, for the eyes of the nation are turning to this section, as well as the foot-steps of visitors and homeseekers, who are helping us to bring the beauties and advantages of this section to the attention of their friends and others in less favored districts. Keep the waves of enthusiasm rolling high. It can only be done by and through such an organization as you have here in the Great Hendersonville club. Such an organization is the most efficacious factor in the growth of a community, and the growth of big broad-minded men and women, the necessary unit of community growth. This is the age of combination, when men acting together can achieve a common good more quickly and easily and surely than when acting singly or in small groups. This was demonstrated centuries ago when men first met on the

field of battle. It is an axiom that applies as effectually and directly to industry and community development as to war. It is not enough to appreciate our own resources and natural advantages,—we must tell them to others that they may appreciate them also. Sydney Smith tells us that "Reputation is one of the things men contend for,—it is the sign of genius. A ten thousand dollar a year editorial writer of this country has said that "Reputation is reputation." If we would possess the reputation of being the greatest resort country in America we must continue to repeat it,—to advertise it. Advertising is one of the things that cannot be dispensed with by the State, community, city, railway or any other business organization. All must advertise unless they are willing to retrograde. Deterioration is already written upon any enterprise that disregards the value of advertising. Switzerland leads the world in advertising her natural resources, and has made its people rich by making a four season resort of that country. Its good roads and good hotels and popular forms of amusement have appealed to the tourist population of the world and they go there for these conditions which have been brought about by the people themselves, combined with the scenic beauty of the country. The Land of the Sky possesses more scenic beauty and finer climate than does Switzerland. When our people create the other conditions then will our people become rich in the "coin of the realm" as well as add pleasure to life. A bond issue of one, two or three million dollars by these counties comprising the Greater Western North Carolina Association expended in building a fine system of roads throughout the mountains of these counties would start the erection of a large number of fine tourists hotels that would be completed along with the completion of the roads constructed under the supervision of competent road engineers, that would bring such a flood of auto and other tourists into our midst that would almost take our breath away and tax our resources to "are for them. This would bring to us a stream of glittering gold and crackling greenbacks that would make this section prosper beyond our dreams, and create, too, industries in several lines to give all labor profitable employment.

Asheville sends congratulations to the people of Hendersonville on their splendid achievement the past year, and sincere good wishes for a continuation of your aggressive spirit of enthusiasm and continued achievement for the new year.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas our allwise and ever living Father has seen fit to take away one of our beloved brethren, Mr. H. Grady Dixon, one of our most promising young Christian Brothers, who was prominently associated with the Epworth League and a regular attendant at both Sunday-School and Church.

Therefore be it resolved that we tender to the bereaved family of our brother our most heartfelt sympathy. Realizing that relatives and friends together with the community at large have sustained a great loss by the death of this, our deceased brother.

(Signed) Com. of Hendersonville Sunday School.

T. M. McCULLOUGH.  
F. S. WETMUR  
H. C. WALDROP

### STATE FACING DEFICIT

Is Said That Treasurer Needs \$750,000 to Meet Appropriations for Various Purposes.

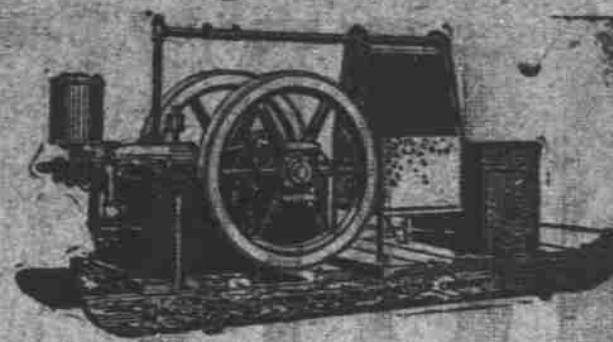
Raleigh, (Special)—The work of the legislative committee in auditing the books of the state treasury, the state auditor and the department of insurance is greatly emphasizing the necessity of prompt and very decided action on the part of the incoming legislature in dealing with the financial conditions in the state treasury. It is clearly evident now that the deficit this January 1st will be at least \$725,000 and may reach \$750,000 and it is predicted that if there are not other sources of revenue for the state found and very decided increase provided in revenue in addition to the business in the state and the deficit natural increase incident to growth of two years hence will show up something like \$1,500,000. The recommendations of State Treasurer B. R. Lacy are being awaited with keen interest as it is expected that he will have some important suggestions to make as to revenue and machinery act changes. Governor Kitchen and Governor-elect Craig will also doubtless have recommendations that will be given great by the legislators. Insistence is being made that the very best finances that can be picked up in the legislature should be put on the finance committee immediately upon the convening of the legislature and that this committee should get right to work and not leave this revenue and machinery act construction to the last rush days of the legislature—as is all too often the case.

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